DTC Losses

*6. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Transport Corporation has been continuously incurring losses over the years;

(b) whether the accounts of the DTC for 1987-88 have been compiled and audited, if so, what is the total loss incurred by it as on 1st April, 1988; and

(c) whether Government have since worked out the modalities of the scheme to permit operation of private buses under STA permits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The 1987-88 accounts have not been audited.

(c) No, Sir.

French offer of Technology for modernisation of railways

*7. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether France has offered to transfer her sophisticated technology to help India modernise her Railways, particularly in the development of superfast trains and the manufacture of most modern locomotives;

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions in this regard and the major projects to be taken up; and

(c) whether India has agreed to the French suggestion for joint development of superfast Delhi-Agra-Kanpur train; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) An Indo-French Protocol for co-operation in the field of railways has been signed recently. It covers the following areas for special consideration:

(i) High Speed Technology.

(ii) Improving Existing Electric and Diesel rolling stock of Indian Railways.

(iii) Speeding up the exising Passenger Trains.

(iv) Modernisation of a Passenger Terminal.

(v) Suburban Transport.

(vi) Management.

(vii) Technical Development of modern train control systems.

Both parties shall provide each other technical assistance on the basis of agreements to be negotiated on a case by case basis.

(c) A pre-feasibility study of a new high speed line for Delhi-Agra-Kanpur route has been agreed to by Indian Railways and Ministry of Transports, France.

Use of drugs to control blindness

*8. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chloramphenocol, Tetra-cycline, Vitamin A, Gentamycin, Neomycin, Framycetin, Hydrocortisone, Betamethasone, Oxytetracycline and Dexamethasone are being used for the treatment of eye diseases and to control blindness;

(b) what is the form under which each of these drugs is used, along with different forms under which each is being marketed in the country;

(c) what are the names of other diseases for which each of these drugs are mainly used;

(d) what is the form under which each drug is used for each disease; and

(e) what is the percentage of each drug used for National Health Programmes such as STD, blindness, diarrhoea etc. and what percentage is used for other diseases not covered under National Health Programme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. These drugs are used for treatment of eye diseases which if untreated may lead to blindness. They are also used for treating infections and inflamation of other systems of the body. Vitamin A is used to prevent and treat diseases due to Vitamin A deficiency and malnutrition. These drugs are used and marketed in the form of lotions, drops, ointments for local application, tablets, Capsules, Syrups and drops for oral use and injectable.

(e) It is difficult to determine the percentage of each drug used either for National Health Programmes or for other diseases.

Setting up of national highway authority

*9. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a National Highway Authority to improve the condition of roads in the country;

(b) if so, by when the same is likely to be set up; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Requisite steps for formation of the Authority are under finalisation.

Promotion of unani system of medicine

*10. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any plan for the promotion of Unani system of medicine during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, what are the outlines of the plan; and

(c) what is the total amount of funds allotted for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) to (c) For the promotion of Unani System of Medicine during the 7th Five Year Plan, a provision of about Rs. 800 lakhs has been made. The major activities are as follows:—

(i) Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine (CCRUM) New Delhi.

(ii) National Institute of Unani Medicine (NIUM), Bangalore.

(iii) A. K. Tibbia College, Aligarh.

The Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare established to